

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SUI et al)
Application Number: 09/961,399)
Filed: February 2, 2001)
For: SPEAKING SYSTEM USING PICTURES AND)
METHOD THEREOF)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the claims currently on file with the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means includes interactive communication means complexly combining characters, graphics, photographs or the like.
4. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means has a local area network (LAN), which is connected to a network line.
5. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according

to claim 1, wherein the information by the interactive communication means is recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.

24. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using the moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means for storing the moving image and voice in the receiver's PC in the case where no reception is made because a receiver is absent.
25. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means for displaying a desired image of one to several persons displayed on the PC using a wide screen.
26. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, displays graphics, photographs, characters such as text paper or image information, in addition to the moving image of one to several persons.
27. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means, which is composed of substantially one examiner for employment and qualification test and one to several examinees, and displays a test question on a predetermined portion of the examinee's PC, and further, receives a test result including answers and questions from the examinee so as to take an examination from a remote place.
28. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means, which includes

substantially one interpreter displayed on other PC in interactive communication made in meeting, discussion, lecture and other languages or sign language by substantially one person.

29. (Amended) Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 1, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, is capable of making transmission and reception using various mobiles such as cellular phone or the like.

Please add the following new claims:

30. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 2, wherein the interactive communication means includes interactive communication means complexly combining characters, graphics, photographs or the like.
31. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 2, wherein the interactive communication means has a local area network (LAN), which is connected to a network line.
32. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 3, wherein the interactive communication means has a local area network (LAN), which is connected to a network line.
33. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 30, wherein the interactive communication means has a local area network (LAN), which is connected to a network line.
34. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 2, wherein the information by the interactive communication means is recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.
35. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 3,

wherein the information by the interactive communication means is recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.

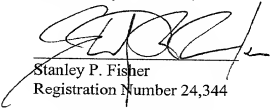
36. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claim 30, wherein the information by the interactive communication means is recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 3 and added claim 30, amended claim 4 and added claims 31, 32 and 33, amended claim 5 and added claims 34, 35 and 36; amended claims 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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3. (Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 and ~~2~~, wherein the interactive communication means includes interactive communication means complexly combining characters, graphics, photographs or the like.
4. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to ~~3~~, wherein the interactive communication means has a local area network (LAN), which is connected to a network line.
5. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to ~~3~~, wherein the information by the interactive communication means is recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.
25. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to ~~24~~, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means for displaying a desired image of one to several persons displayed on the PC using a wide screen.
26. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to ~~25~~, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, displays graphics, photographs, characters such as text paper or image information, in addition to the moving image of one to several persons.
27. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to ~~26~~, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means, which is composed of substantially one examiner for employment and qualification test and one to several

examinees, and displays a test question on a predetermined portion of the examinee's PC, and further, receives a test result including answers and questions from the examinee so as to take an examination from a remote place.

28. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to 27, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, further includes means, which includes substantially one interpreter displayed on other PC in interactive communication made in meeting, discussion, lecture and other languages or sign language by substantially one person.

29. Interactive communication system and method using an image according to claims 1 to 28, wherein the interactive communication means with one to several persons using moving image and voice by a network line, is capable of making transmission and reception using various mobiles such as cellular phone or the like.